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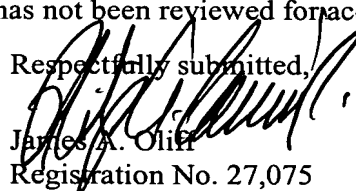
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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 5 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The references 2, 4 and 15-16 were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 4. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 5. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references 5-10, 12 and 14 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- ☒ 6. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 5-9 are attached hereto.
- ☒ 7. A computer-generated English language translation of the Japanese Patent Publications 5-9 has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy.

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